

In the specification:

At page 1, line 1, replace the title as follows (noting that the only change is removal of the underlining):

~~A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE RATE OF A VIDEO SEQUENCE; A VIDEO ENCODING DEVICE~~ A METHOD AND AN APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE RATE OF A VIDEO SEQUENCE; A VIDEO ENCODING DEVICE

Before page 1, line 4, insert the following heading:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

At page 1, line 10, replace the section heading as follows (noting that the only change is removal of the underline and capitalization of the heading):

~~Background of the invention~~ BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

At page 2, line 29, replace the section heading as follows:

~~Summary of the invention~~ BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At page 14, line 20, replace the section heading as follows:

~~Brief Description of the Drawings~~ BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

At page 15, line 17, replace the section heading as follows:

~~Detailed Description of a preferred embodiment of the Invention~~

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION